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- 1. DEPTOFF TELEPHONED COL. RYAN OF COE (MEMBER OF 661 COE TEAM WHICH VISITED NIGERIA EARLIER THIS YEAR) TO LEARN REASONS FOR CORPS' DELAY IN REPLYING TO DIRECTOR INLAND WATERWAYS (ANYAOKU) LETTER OF MAY 4, 1977. DEPTOFF ALSO RELAYED ESSENCE OF PARAS TWO, THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE OF REFTEL A.
- 2. RYAN SAID IN-HOUSE BUREAUCRATIC REASONS WERE MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR TARDINESS IN REPLYING TO FMG, SPECIFICALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CITING COE PERSONNEL DIFFICULTIES. IN ADDITION, COE TROUBLED OVER LAST PARA OF ANYAOKU'S MAY 4 LETTER WHICH INDICATES COE PROPOSAL WOULD COMPETE WITH OTHERS ALREADY RECEIVED BY FMG. FINALLY, RYAN SUGGESTED COE WRESTLING WITH "DEFINITION OF PROBLEM"...WHICH DEPARTMENT INTERPRETS AS MEANING PROFESSIONAL DIFFERENCES EXIST WITHIN COE AS HOW BEST REPLY TO FMG.

3. RYAN APOLOGIZEDTOEMBASSY AND FMG ON BEHALF OF COE FOR

THIS DELAY AND GAVE ASSURANCES THAT LT. GEN. MORRIS (CHIEF OF COE) IS INTERESTED IN MOVING FORWARD ON RESOLVING PROBLEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. RYAN SAID EMBASSY COULD EXPECT CABLE REPLYING TO ANYAOKU LETTER AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK.

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